Share Market Scam

[f]983. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RAN JAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SEBI, the institution responsible to regulate the Share Market of the country has in its primary investigation found many companies guilty of recent Share Market Scam;

(b) if so, the names of such companies; and

(c) the details of the action taken against each such company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has intimated that in the context of movement in the stock markets in late February and early March this year, there were apprehensions of possibility of distortion of price discovery by certain entities. After discussing with major exchanges on March 2, 2001, SEBI decided to initiate a preliminary investigation. To begin with certain broking entities were indentified with the help of exchanges for immediate enquiries. On the basis of preliminary findings of irregularities, the scope of investigation was expanded and it was decided to investigate into the market behaviour over a longer term. The trading pattern of following scrips was also included in the scope of investigations:

(i) DSQ Software Ltd.
(ii) Global Tele Systems Ltd.
(iii) Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd.
(iv) Pentamedia Graphics Ltd.
(v) Satyam Computers Services Ltd.
(vi) Silverline Technologies Lt.
(vii) SSI Ltd.
(viii) Zee Telefilms Ltd.
(ix) Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.
(x) Aftek Infosys Ltd.

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(xi) Global Trust Bank
(xii) Padmini Technologies
(xiii) Shonkh Technologies
(xiv) Lupin Laboratories
(xv) Adani Exports.
(xvi) Amara Raja Batteries
(xvii) Cyberspace Ltd.

SEBI has further intimated that with regard to the matter of the trading in specific scrips during the period October, 1999 to March, 2001 and the market fall in early March, 2001, investigations are currently under progress which involves analysis/examination of a large number of transactions.

Financial Scarcity in FIs/Banks

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operations of several financial institutions including banks of the country are hampered due to shortage of finance therein;

(b) if so, the names of the banks as well as the financial institutions in which shortage of finance was felt in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the names of the financial institutions whom Government have helped in their operations by providing financial assistance togetherwith the amount of such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Banks and Financial Institutions are required to maintain capital at least at 9% of their total risk-weighted assets. During the financial year 1998-99 and 1999-2000, one bank *viz.* Indian Bank, and during the financia

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